Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ernest Vick and Belle Wallen exchanged their wedding vows on November 21, 1934, at the Presbyterian parsonage in Volga, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 72 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Ernest and Belle gave life and love to two daughters, Bertha and Judith, who in turn blessed them with 7 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ernest and Belle are lifelong residents of Brookings County and continue to be actively involved in the Lake Campbell Lutheran Church. Ernest was a farmer near Lake Campbell and was a fur trapper in the wintertime. Belle taught elementary school, Sunday school and was a 4-H leader; and,

Whereas, Ernest is known throughout the community for his restoration of Tonka toys and his extensive collection of old wrenches. Belle leads the seniors' exercise program in their apartment complex and is known for her prize winning pies; and,

Whereas, Ernest and Belle will observe their 72nd wedding anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather to honor them and to celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2006, as

ERNEST AND BELLE VICK DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest: